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Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2011, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 33rd and 38th meetings, on 10 May and 12 June 2012. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/66/SR.33 and 38).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the financing of support for the African Union Mission in Somalia for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 (A/66/590);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 (A/66/685);

(c) Related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/66/718, para. 272, and A/66/718/Add.19).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.53

4. At its 38th meeting, on 12 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)" (A/C.5/66/L.53), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Austria.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.53 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1863 (2009) of 16 January 2009, by which the Council expressed its intent to establish a United Nations peacekeeping operation in Somalia as a follow-on force to the African Union Mission in Somalia, subject to its further decision by 1 June 2009, and requested the Secretary-General, in order for the forces of the African Union Mission in Somalia to be incorporated into a United Nations peacekeeping operation, to provide a United Nations logistical support package to the Mission, including equipment and services,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 2010 (2011) of 30 September 2011, by which the Council expanded and extended the logistical support package for the African Union Mission in Somalia until 31 October 2012, and its subsequent resolution 2036 (2012) of 22 February 2012, by which the Council further expanded the logistical support package for the Mission,

Recalling further its resolution 63/275 A of 7 April 2009 on the financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009) and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 65/306 of 30 June 2011,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the United Nations Trust Fund established to support the African Union Mission in Somalia,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia as at 30 April 2012, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 45.3 million United States dollars, representing some 6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only seventy-eight Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

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[1] A/66/590 and A/66/685.

[2] A/66/718, para. 272, and A/66/718/Add.19.

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

3. *Takes note* of paragraphs 39, 51, 56 and 58 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to ensure effectiveness, efficiency and transparency with regard to the use of United Nations resources, bearing in mind the specific nature of the support package;

5. *Stresses* the importance of strict adherence to the existing United Nations procurement regulations and rules;

6. *Notes with concern* the high casualty rate and the continuing significant security challenges faced by United Nations personnel and military personnel of the African Union Mission in Somalia, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011

7. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the financing of support for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011;[4]

8. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia the amount of 35,770,900 dollars for the maintenance of the entity for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, in addition to the amount of 184,866,900 dollars previously appropriated for the entity for the same period under the terms of General Assembly resolution 64/287 of 24 June 2010, inclusive of 174,318,200 dollars for the maintenance of the entity, 8,933,900 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,614,800 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

Financing of the additional appropriation for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011

9. *Also decides*, taking into account the amount of 184,866,900 dollars already apportioned under the terms of its resolution 64/287 for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 35,770,900 dollars for the same period, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249 of 24 December 2009, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2010 and 2011, as set out in Assembly resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009;

10. *Further decides* that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, the amount of

[3] A/66/718/Add.19.

[4] A/66/590.

11,595,600 dollars, representing other income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2011;

11. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 570,500 dollars, representing the additional staff assessment income for the entity in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2011;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013

12. *Also decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia the amount of 455,982,200 dollars for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, inclusive of 436,905,000 dollars for the maintenance of the entity, 18,089,600 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 987,600 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

13. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 151,994,067 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2012, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 64/249, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2012, as set out in Assembly resolution 64/248;

14. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,849,767 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,116,933 dollars approved for the entity, the prorated share of 604,867 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 127,967 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

15. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 303,988,133 dollars for the period from 1 November 2012 to 30 June 2013 at a monthly rate of 37,998,516 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249 and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2012, as set out in Assembly resolution 64/248, and for 2013,[5] subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the entity;

16. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 3,699,533 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,233,867 dollars approved for the entity, the prorated share of 1,209,733 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 255,933 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

[5] To be adopted by the General Assembly.

17. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund established to support the African Union Mission in Somalia;

18. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)".